

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE YEAR 1915.

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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNCIL

OF THE

Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

TO THE MEMBERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-

Your Council has pleasure in presenting the following report of the proceedings of the Society for the year 1915:--

Permanent Buildings and Works.

The most extensive improvements in the Society's history were carried out at the Show Grounds during the past year.

The fire of 1914 necessitated the rebuilding of the grandstand. This work was carried out in concrete at a cost of $\pounds 11,664$, and the new structure is now regarded as one of the most up-todate grandstands in the Commonwealth.

The Industrial Hall, also destroyed by fire, has been replaced by a spacious brick building 250ft. by 62ft., at a cost of £3279. This building is beautifully lighted and ventilated, and as it is covered by a one-span roof it will enable exhibits to be displayed to the best advantage. This hall is at present being used as a Military Hospital for Wounded Soldiers.

In continuation of the scheme adopted some years ago for further improving the Show Grounds, a magnificent cattle pavilion was built at the Western end of the Grounds. This pavilion can comfortably house 309 head of cattle, and in addition is well supplied with feed boxes and bins. This building is lighted at night by electricity, and water is laid on; it is consequently the most convenient and up-to-date pavilion of its kind in the Common-wealth. Its cost was £5227.

The Swine Pavilion has been extended in a Southerly direction, and 76 large pens have thus been added, making the whole pavilion now fully up to the Society's requirements.

The Chirnside Grandstand was roofed over, and will in future afford greater protection from the weather for Show patrons.

Many minor works were also carried out, such as the replacing of the fencing destroyed by fire, improving the water service by substituting pillar hydrants for fire plugs, roofing over and improving the Hunter's yards and strengthening the stalls in the fat cattle building.

During the year the sum of $\pounds 22,176$ 3s. 5d. was expended in improvements and maintenance, and the total expenditure to date now reaches $\pounds 122,627$ 1s. 10d., from which amount $\pounds 48,191$ 19s. has from time to time been written off for depreciation, and, according to the Society's books, the present value of the buildings is set down at $\pounds 74,435$ 2s. 10d.

The Hon. the Minister for Agriculture in May last had designs prepared for the erection of a suitable Government building on the Show Grounds, and then expressed the hope that the Cabinet would issue instructions to proceed with the immediate erection of the building. Unfortunately, the State's finances shortly afterwards became somewhat strained, and would not permit of this work being proceeded with. It is, therefore, now difficult to express an opinion as to when it will be possible for the Government to carry out this very necessary work.

Abandonment of Annual Exhibition.

Preparations for holding the Annual Exhibition were well advanced, and there was every indication that the 1915 Royal Show would be a highly successful one, but, owing to the great rush of recruits during the months of June and July, the Defence authorities made application for the temporary use of the Show Grounds for the accommodation and training of troops. This was readily granted by your Council on the 10th July, the understanding being that the Grounds would not be required after the 9th August, for by that time it was anticipated that the huts then in course of erection at Broadmeadows would be sufficiently advanced to provide the necessary accommodation. However, the rush of recruits continued, and, owing to the wet weather, the Broadmeadows and Seymour camps were practically converted into quagmires, so it was found necessary by the Hon. the Minister for Defence to formally requisition the Show Grounds. This was done on the 22nd July, and, at a Special Meeting of Council held on the same day, it was decided to abandon the Royal Show for 1915.

Your Council felt that the Show Grounds was not the most suitable place for the training of troops, but that the spacious buildings would provide excellent accommodation for the attention of wounded soldiers, and whilst up to the present time the Grounds have been used as a training camp, it is becoming more and more apparent to the Military authorities that the buildings are more suitable for hospital and convalescent cases than for training purposes.

The compulsory acquisition of the Show Grounds, and the subsequent abandonment of the Show, robbed the Society of practically its only source of revenue; but the Defence Department invited the Society to lodge a claim for compensation. This has been done, but a settlement has not yet been effected.

In lodging the claim for compensation, your Council intimated that it had no desire to make profit out of the Government's utilisation of the Grounds, but only desired to be placed in the same position financially on the 31st July, 1916, as the Society found itself on 31st July, 1915.

Your Council shortly intends to approach the Hon. the Minister for Defence to seek an early assurance that the Show Grounds will be available for the 1916 Annual Exhibition.

Mutual Recognition of Stud Books.

For some years past the Councils of the leading Agricultural Societies in the Commonwealth have felt that the unnecessary duplication of Stud Books was a weakness that should be overcome. Conferences have been held on this subject, and up to the present have resulted in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales refraining from establishing a Stud Book for draught horses in that State, and agreeing to recognise only the Draught Horse Stud Book of Australia, as published by this Society. Your Council reciprocated by undertaking not to permit any horses to be entered in the Trotter Section of this Society's Show unless they were registered in the Australian Stud Book for Trotters, as published by the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales.

The Agricultural Show Council of Tasmania has also decided to officially recognise the Draught Horse Stud Book of Australia in preference to starting a Stud Book of its own in that State. A similar arrangement with Tasmanian breeders has also been come to regarding the Ayrshire Herd Book of Australasia.

Draught Horse Stud Book of Australia.

During the year your Council decided to revise the whole of the volumes previously published, and to reprint same, together with the entries received for Volume IX., in one revised edition. This revision will necessitate the expenditure of a large sum of money over and above the amount now standing to the credit of the Stud Book Account, but it was felt that this action would be fully justified, as the revision would assuredly be to the best interests of draught horse breeders and the future success of the Stud Book.

The work of preparing this revised edition for publication is being proceeded with as speedily as possible, but it will be fully three months yet before copies will be available for distribution.

It has also been decided to adopt for classification purposes the principle of basing the value of pedigree on a definite percentage, and that the qualification for entry be again raised, so that animals submitted for registration as Clydesdales or Shires in Volume X. must show at least 80 per cent. purity.

A brief resume of the history of the Stud Book would probably be of interest to members, seeing that a revision of the work since its inception is now being undertaken.

As far back as 1885 consideration was given to the question of establishing a Stud Book, but not until October, 1903, did the Council definitely decide to proceed with the work. Volume I., which contained the pedigrees of 213 animals, was published in 1907. Volume II., published in 1908, contained 237 new pedigrees; whilst Volume III., published in 1909, contained the pedigrees of only 104 additional animals. In dealing with the matter of the publication of Volume IV., in 1910, the Stud Book Committee decided to incorporate the three previous volumes with it, and, after revision, to bind the whole into one book, there being 214 additional entries in Volume IV.

In the first four volumes that were published, no attempt was made to keep the several breeds separate, but when Volume V. was published, in 1911, the original intention of the Society was carried out, and all registered animals were divided into sections according to breeding. Horses registered in the Clydesdale Stud Book of Scotland, and those showing two crosses of traceable Clydesdale blood on the sire's side and one of such strains on the dam's side, were classified as "Clydesdales." Horses registered in the English Shire Horse Stud Book, and those showing two crosses of traceable English Shire Horse blood on the sire's side and one of such strains on the dam's side, were classified as "Shires." A third section of the book was devoted to horses showing a combination of both Clydesdale and Shire blood. The entries for Volume V. were very satisfactory—no fewer than 567 new entries being received.

Volume VI. was published in 1912, and showed a further satisfactory increase, the additional entries numbering 835. Volume VII., which was published in 1913, contained 751 additional pedigrees, and showed that each year the Stud Book was becoming more popular as a standard work of reference. In this volume provision was made for the inclusion of sections for Suffolk Punches and Percherons, in addition to Clydesdales, Shires and horses showing a combination of both Clydesdale and Shire blood. Volume VIII., published in 1914, contained 640 additional entries.

It will thus be seen that in the earlier volumes the Stud Book was nothing but a record of pedigrees, and not until after Volume IV. was published was it deemed advisable to classify the animals according to breeding. The qualifications for entry in the respective sections have from time to time been raised, until now a standard of 80 per cent. purity has been fixed. This standard is higher than was insisted upon by the Clydesdale Stud Book of Scotland immediately prior to the closing of that book to animals other than those whose sires and dams were registered in its previous volumes.

The Society is to be congratulated upon having at its disposal the records of an old firm like that of Messrs. Campbell and Sons, of Kirk's Bazaar, and also on having the valuable and enthusiastic assistance of Mr. Ewen T. Campbell in matters relating to the revision, extension, and classification of the pedigrees submitted for registration. Your Council acknowledges a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Campbell for his services, and, at a recent meeting of Council, a recognition of Mr. Campbell's valuable work was placed upon the records of the Society.

Flock Book for British Breeds of Sheep in Australia.

The seventh volume of the Flock Book for British Breeds of Sheep in Australia was published during the year, and it contains revised histories and annual returns of 236 flocks of all breeds.

In addition to 597 rams individually registered in Volume VI., the pedigrees of a further 222 appear in Volume VII., making a total to date of 819 individual pedigrees. Individual registration of ewes has also been established, and 223 such pedigrees have been recorded.

The Flock Book has now become such a useful reference for stud breeders, that it has been decided to publish a new volume annually until further notice.

The matter of fixing type standards for the various breeds, and the carrying into effect of inspection of every registered flock, is now receiving very earnest attention by the Flock Book Committee.

Shorthorn Herd Book of Australia.

The work of compiling the Shorthorn Herd Book of Australia is fraught with many difficulties, and, as time goes on, these difficulties seem to increase rather than diminish. Most of the pedigrees are now complete, and can be traced back to imported animals registered in Coates' Herd Book, but much still remains to be done before the initial volume will be ready for publication; but the work is of such a character that it cannot be hurried, and must necessarily take a considerable time if accuracy is to be its essential feature.

Ayrshire Herd Book of Australasia.

The Ayrshire Cattle Herd Book Society of Australasia published Volume IX. of its Herd Book during the past year. This volume contains the pedigrees of 337 bulls and 491 cows and heifers, and it is interesting to note that, notwithstanding the fact that the conditions of registration had been made more stringent, it contains more entries than any volume previously published by the Society.

As previously mentioned, this Society's Herd Book will in future be recognised as the official Ayrshire Herd Book in Tasmania, and it is hoped shortly to secure the same official recognition in some of the other States.

Chamber of Agriculture.

The thirteenth Annual Convention of the Chamber of Agriculture was held at Wangaratta on 29th and 30th June and 1st July, 1915. It was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G., and was attended by the Hon. the Prime Minister, the Hon. the Premier, and other leading politicians, as well as a large and representative gathering from all parts of the State.

The debates were exceedingly interesting, and the papers that were listed for consideration were productive of very valuable discussions.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded His Worship the Mayor of Wangaratta, and to the President, Secretary, and members of the Council of the Ovens and Murray Agricultural and Pastoral Society for the courtesy extended to members of this Society during their stay in Wangaratta.

The Chamber is to be congratulated upon the fact that it formulated the scheme that was subsequently adopted for handling the wheat harvest under the peculiar and difficult conditions now prevailing.

Mr. T. A. Grant, who held the position of representative of this Society on the Council of the Chamber of Agriculture for some time, tendered his resignation, and was succeeded by Mr. A. E. T. Payne, and during the latter gentleman's absence, Mr. C. W. Campbell has been temporarily appointed to act in his place.

Horse Parade and Sale.

The Second Annual Horse Parade and Sale, conducted under the auspices of this Society, took place from Tuesday, 27th, to Saturday, 31st July, 1915, at Messrs. Adamson, Strettle and Co.'s yards, on account of the fact that the Show Grounds were not available, owing to Military occupation. Fewer horses were offered for sale, but the average prices were more satisfactory than was the case in the previous year. In 1914 the average selling price per head was $\pounds 42$ 18s. 9d., whilst in 1915 the average price per head was $\pounds 72$ 18s. 3d. The profit on the fixture was $\pounds 17$ 3s. 3d., as compared with $\pounds 51$ 3s. 8d. in the previous year, but this falling off was accounted for by the fact that the Society was unable to charge for catering privileges, stand rents, admission to grounds, and rent of boxes.

Pure Stock Sales.

In order to overcome to a certain extent the inconvenience caused to breeders by the abandonment of the Show, your Council decided to hold sales of pure stock during the week in which the Show would have been held.

Horses were sold at Messrs. Campbell and Sons' yards in North Melbourne, cattle at Messrs. Adamson, Strettle and Co.'s yards, in Newmarket, sheep in Messrs. Younghusband, Row and Co.'s store, at Kensington, and swine at the pavilion at the Society's Grounds.

Taken as a whole, the Sales were entirely successful, and they, in a very large measure, supplied the wants of breeders by providing markets for the stock that they had been preparing for the Show.

Though the sales were not held with the object of making a profit, the net return to the Society, after all expenses had been paid, amounted to $\pounds 59$ 8s. 4d.

Your Council desires to express its appreciation of the action of Messrs. Campbell and Sons, Adamson, Strettle and Co., and Younghusband, Row and Co. in placing their establishments at the disposal of the Society, free of all charges, for the purpose of conducting these sales.

Death of Mr. Alexander McCracken.

Through the death of Mr. Alexander McCracken, on 25th August last, the Council lost one of its most highly valued members.

Elected to the Council in 1891, Mr. McCracken at once took a leading part in the affairs of the Society. In 1894 he was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Trustee of the Society in 1908. In 1909 Mr. McCracken was elected President of the Society in succession to the late Hon. Thomas Skene, and occupied that position without a break until the time of his death.

It is recognised that it was mainly owing to Mr. McCracken's influence that the Government loan to the Society was arranged, which made it possible to carry out at the Show Grounds the extensive scheme of improvements already entered upon.

Mr. McCracken endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, mainly on account of the earnest manner in which he carried out his many duties, his uniform courtesy, his undoubted integrity, and the ability he always displayed in transacting the business of the Society. His untimely death was widely and deeply deplored, not only by members of this Society, but by all other organisations with which he had been connected.

Election of President.

At the October meeting of Council, it became necessary to appoint a new President in succession to Mr. McCracken, and the choice fell upon Mr. Charles E. Merrett, who was senior Vice-President at the time. Mr. Merrett, who is the principal of the machinery firm of Messrs. Welch, Perrin and Co., has been connected with the Society's Shows ever since they were held on St. Kilda Road, and has been a Member of the Council since 1902. For many years he has occupied the position of Chairman of the Works Committee, as well as occupying a seat on the Finance Committee. He was elected Vice-President in 1911, and again in February, 1915.

Trustees.

At the time the Government consented to grant the Society a loan for the purpose of carrying out improvements at the Grounds, it was arranged that the Government should have the right to nominate a Trustee, and at last Annual Meeting the necessary alterations were made to the Society's Rules to permit this being carried into effect.

The choice of the Governor-in-Council fell upon Dr. S. S. Cameron, Director of Agriculture, for the position of Govern-

ment Trustee, and that gentleman took his seat on the Council for the first time on 9th March last.

Mr. Alexander McCracken's death also caused a vacancy among the Trustees, and that vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Charles E. Merrett.

Mr. James Gibb, who since 1874 had been a member of Council, tendered his resignation as one of the Trustees on account of his removal to New South Wales. The resignation was accepted with extreme regret, and Mr. Robert Clarke was appointed in his stead.

Council.

Owing to Mr. W. B. Cumming's resignation in December, 1914, the vacancy had to be filled at the last Annual Meeting.

The eleven retiring members were returned, and Mr. A. C. Gibb, of Campbellfield, was elected in place of Mr. Cumming.

A vacancy occurred on the Council owing to Mr. Merrett's appointment as Trustee, and this was filled in November last by the election of Mr. F. B. Lithgow, of Coldstream.

A further vacancy occurred owing to Mr. Robert Clarke's appointment as Trustee, and this was filled at the December meeting by the election of Mr. R. N. Scott, of Kongwak.

Mr. A. E. T. Payne and Mr. H. Alan Currie are at present serving the Empire in the great struggle in which it is now engaged, and your Council expressed its pleasure and pride at the action these gentlemen had taken, and readily granted them the necessary leave of absence. Mr. G. T. Chirnside is also absent on leave assisting in Red Cross work in Egypt.

Journal.

"The Australian Farm and Home," with which is incorporated the Society's Official Journal, continues to give accurate reports of the monthly meetings, and your Council has decided to continue forwarding, for a period of six months, copies of this Journal to all those who were members of this Society in 1914, but did not renew their subscriptions for 1915.

Finance.

On reference to the financial statement, it will be seen that the Society is indebted to the Government of Victoria for the amounts of \pounds 10,706 2s. 6d. and \pounds 3343 15s. 2d., including interest to 31st December. The larger amount is portion of the \pounds 50,000 loan which has been granted by the Government to enable the Society to push forward with the extensive scheme of improvements that has been entered upon, the smaller loan being of a somewhat temporary nature to enable the Society to rebuild the Industrial Hall.

The revenue for the year, exclusive of loan monies and the proceeds of the sale of land, was only $\pounds 3112$ Is. 7d. This small figure is accounted for by the fact that no Show was held. The expenditure (including $\pounds 22,176$ 3s. 5d. for buildings and maintenance) amounted to $\pounds 27,425$, the overdraft being increased from $\pounds 19,336$ 8s. 3d. to $\pounds 27,665$ Is. Id., whilst the Society's indebtedness to the Government of Victoria on the 31st December, 1915, amounted to $\pounds 14,049$ 17s. 8d., inclusive of interest.

Taking the expenditure in permanent improvements as an asset, the working expenses still show a loss on the year's transactions of $\pounds 2136$ 15s., but it is hoped that when the Defence Department settles the Society's claim for compensation this unsatisfactory position will be considerably improved.

A financial feature that was extremely gratifying to your Council was the fact that of the 837 members who had paid their subscriptions prior to the abandonment of the Show, only 14 exercised the privilege offered by the Council of withdrawing the membership fee, notwithstanding that only a very small percentage of the usual privileges would be available. The action of the other 184 members who forwarded their subscriptions, even after the abandonment of the Show had been publicly announced, was also noted with the greatest possible satisfaction.

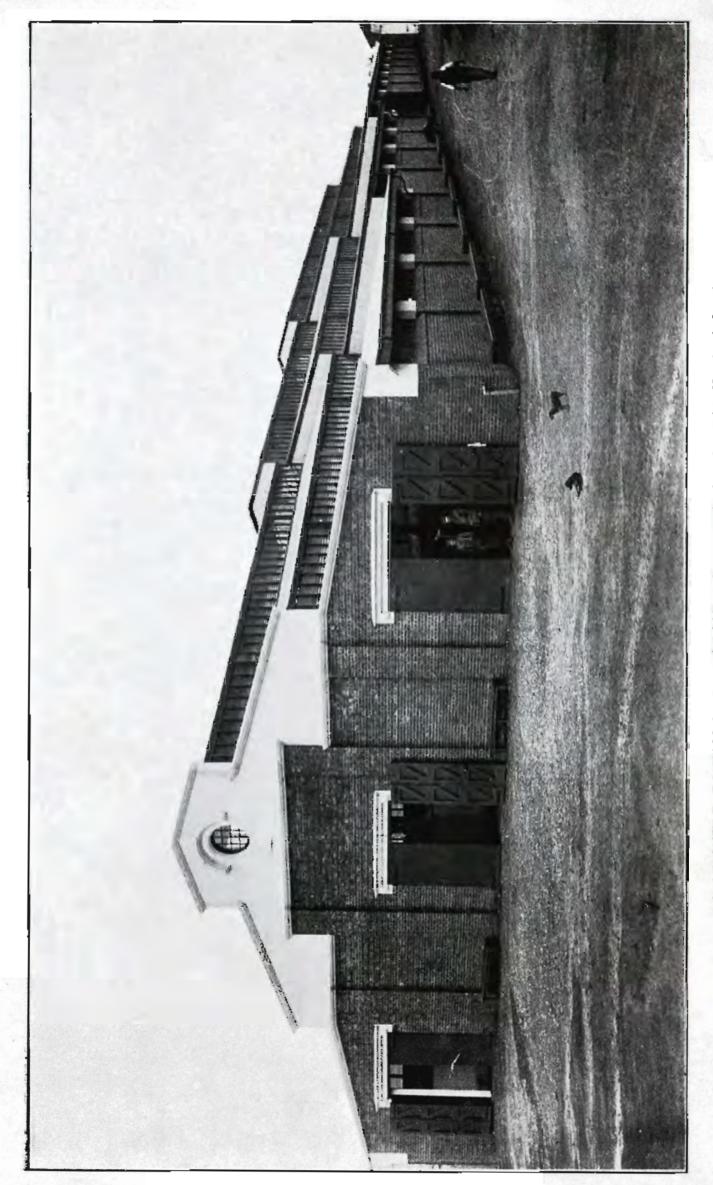
> CHARLES E. MERRETT, President. HENRY SCHWIEGER, Secretary.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICE BEARERS At One Special and 12 Ordinary Meetings of the Council for the year, 1915.

President :	
 A. McCRACKEN (deceased 25/8/15) (absen leave twice) CHARLES E. MERRETT (elected President 12/10/15) (absent on leave once). 	3
Vice-Presidents :	
+W. C. GREAVES (absent on leave four tir *W. KENDELL (absent on leave twice)	mes) 8 7
Trustees:	
JAMES GIBB (resigned 12/10/15) W. J. LOBB A. McCRACKEN (deceased 25/8/15) (abs	1 nil
on leave twice) DR. S. S. CAMERON (appointed 9/3/15)	··· 3 ··· 6
CHARLES E. MERRETT (appointed trus 12/10/15) (absent on leave once) ROBERT CLARKE (appointed trustee 9/11	12

Members of Council:

*F. B. LITHGOW (elected 9/11/15)	2	+J. MITCHELL (absent on leave once)	12
*D. STEWART (absent on leave		†T. F. RUTLEDGE (absent on	~ ~
four times)	8	leave three times)	6
*R. N. SCOTT (elected 14/12/15)-	1	†W. G. MACALISTER (absent	_
*J. E. ROBERTSON	10	on leave four times)	8
*S. G. STAUGHTON (absent on		†J. C. ROCKLIFF (absent on	-
leave once)	7	leave four times)	
*G. T. CHIRNSIDE (absent on		[‡] H. A. CURRIE (absent on	
leave six times)	7	leave seven times)	
*H. A. ANDERSON) (absent on		‡W. P. BRISBANE (absent on	
leave once)	10	leave twice)	11
*H. CLIFF (absent on leave		‡H. H. PECK (absent on leave	
once)	12	once)	
*A. MCMILLAN (absent on		[‡] T. A. GRANT(absent on leave	
leave once)	12	twice)	3
*PHIL TUCKETT	13	‡W. MCNAB (absent on leave	
†A. E. T. PAYNE (absent on		once)	7
leave six times)	7	‡G. L. WILSON (absent on	
†R. I. Argyle (absent on leave		leave once) ‡J. A. BEATTIE (absent on	12
once)	10		
†A. C. GIBB	12	leave twice)	9
†O. J. SYME (absent on leave	3413	‡A. D. Rowan (absent on	
three times)	10	leave twice)	10
†J. B. PEARSON (absent on		‡J. LANG	13
leave twice)	11	‡C. W. CAMPBELL	13
†W. WOODMASON absent on		‡Job SMITH (absent on leave	
leave once)	9	twice)	11
Largest attendance a	at any	y one meeting - 28	
Smallest attendance :			
Average attendance	-	25	



NEW CATTLE PAVILION-Cost £5,227. Accommodation for 309 Head of Cattle.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, 1915.

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- - Mornington.
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Dr. W. T. KENDALL, M.R.C.V.S.

Surgeon:

Asst. Surgeon :

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Messrs. BILLING, PECK & KEMTER.

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H. W. C. SMITH, Esq., F.C.P.A.

R. J. OEHR, Esq., F.I.A.V.

Secretary :

HENRY SCHWIEGER.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for year 1915.	EXPENDITURE for year 1915.	Cr.
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To Governor's Subscription 3 0 0	By Bank Overdraft last year	19,336 8 3
, Life Members' Subscriptions 30 0 0	,, Interest on Bank Overdraft	1,193 0 3
", Members' Subscriptions 1,017 0 0	,, Printing and Stationery	555 14 0
1,050 0 0	,, Advertising	89 15 0
ANNUAL EXHIBITION A/C AND PURE STOCK SALES.	, Buildings and Maintenance	22,176 3 5
" Premiums 147 0 0	", General Expenses	104 7 3
" Entry Fees 120 0 1	,, Salaries and Wages	1,382 5 6
,, Stand Rents 25 0 0	,, Fire Insurance Premiums	219 3 8
,, Advertisements in Schedule, etc. 37 19 0	,, City of Essendon Rates	121 6 10
,, Sundries 0 7 6	,, Water Rates	69 4 7
	,, Metropolitan Rates	15 12 6
"Government Subsidy 675 0 0	,, Audit Fees	21 0 0
", Donations 187 14 9	,, Telephone Rents	30 17 7
", Draught Horse Produce Stakes 160 0 0	,, Solicitors Fees	80 10 8
", Aryshire Derby Sweep Stakes 2 10 0	,, Ribbons Purchased	12 9 7
", Jersey Derby Sweep Stakes 100	,, Horse Feed and Shoeing	49 15 3
,, Show Yards Account 225 12 6	,, Fire Hoses	19 9 0
,, Wine Sales 4 10 0	,, Judges' Travelling Expenses (1914)	16 10 0

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" Commissions	,, Official Journal for year	", Office Rent	" Petty Cash-	Postages	Other Petty Expenses	,, Draught Horse Stud Book Trust Account	", Flock Book Trust Account	,, Horse Parade and Sale	,, Refunds	Catering Premiums-	Annual Exhibition Account	Horse Parade and Sale	Members' Subscriptions	Ground Rents	Entry Fees (Annual Exhibition)	Draught Horse Produce Stakes	Deposits Repaid	2
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Melbourne, 14th January, 1916.

H. W. C. SMITH, F.C.P.A., Auditors, R. J. OEHR, F.I.A.V., The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December 1915.

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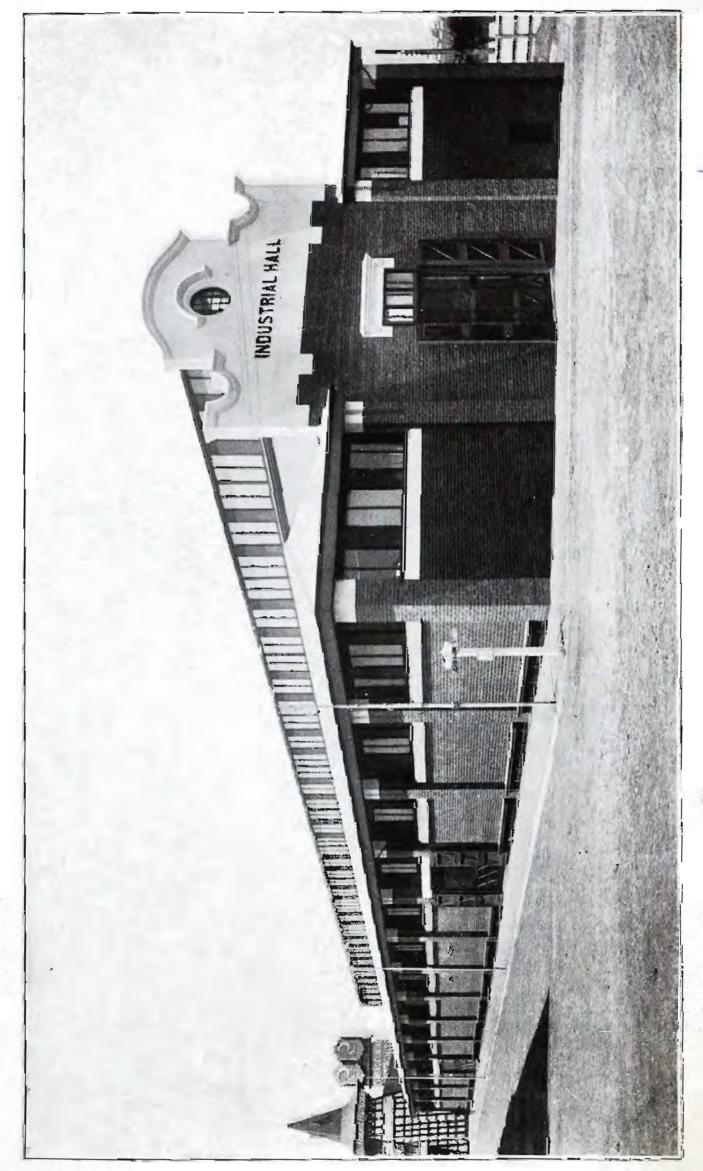
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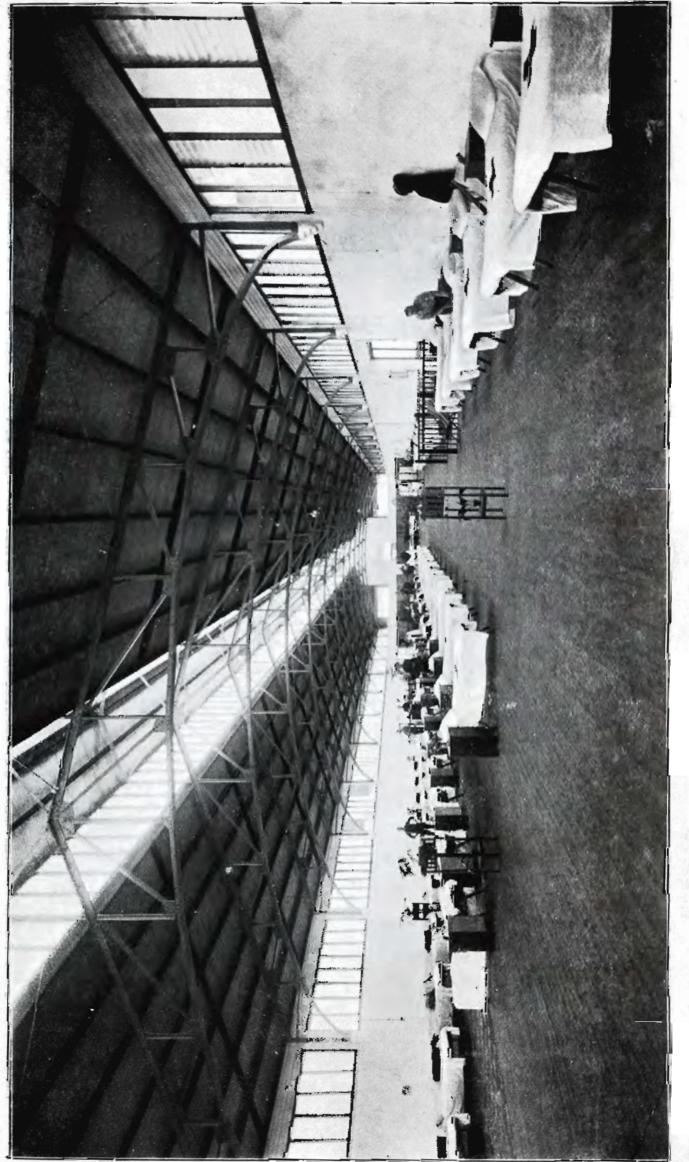
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RULES.

I. The Society shall be called The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

2. The objects of the Society shall be to promote the development of the Agricultural, Pastoral, Horticultural, Viticultural, Stock Raising and Industrial Resources of the State—

- (1.) By holding Exhibitions at such places and times as the Council shall appoint; and by offering and awarding prizes and premiums at all such Exhibitions, if deemed desirable.
- (2.) By holding meetings for the purpose of popularising rural life and disseminating knowledge of improved methods and new ideas in relation thereto.
- (3.) By corresponding with Agricultural and other kindred societies, and collecting information for the furtherance of the objects of the Society.
- (4.) By promoting the discovery, investigation, and introduction of improved kinds of agricultural implements and machinery, the better equipment and construction of farm buildings, the application of chemistry to the general purposes of agriculture, the destruction of insects injurious to vegetable life, and the eradication or utilization of weeds.
- (5.) By promoting the discovery, investigation, and introduction of new varieties of cereals, vegetables, or grasses suitable to the climate, and capable of being cultivated with profit; and also the introduction of desirable kinds and varieties of live stock.
- (6.) By collecting and distributing information on all subjects concerned with the objects of the Society, including the preparation and publication of Flock Books, Herd Books, Stud Books, Pamphlets, Essays, and Papers, and by the establishment and maintenance of a Library and Reading Room for the use of Members.
- (7.) By investigating the nature of diseases in animals or plants and taking measures to encourage the prevention or eradication of such diseases.
- (8.) By remunerating any person for original research work leading to the advancement of the objects of the Society.
- (9.) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

3. The Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, four Trustees (three of whom shall be appointed as hereinafter provided, and one shall be appointed by the State Governor), Governors, Members, Honorary Members, Honorary Scientific Members (not exceeding six in number), and Corresponding Members. The term "Member" shall (unless the context otherwise requires) be deemed to include a Life Member Life Governor, and Governor.

4. Subject to the provisions of Rule 27, every applicant for admission into the Society, by giving his name and address, with his subscription, to the Secretary, shall be duly constituted a Member of the same, and shall have all the rights of membership till the day after the Annual Meeting next ensuing. Provided that when any subscription shall be paid in the name of any firm or company such firm or company shall nominate in writing one of the members thereof, who shall on the receipt by the Secretary of such nomination, be entitled to and exercise the rights and privileges of membership, and be bound by the Rules, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Society, and may be elected to any office.

5. Governors shall pay a subscription of three pounds, and Members one pound annually in advance, with power to compound for life by the payment in one sum of ten annual subscriptions.

6. The Society shall be managed by a Council consisting of thirty-three Members (elected from amongst the Members of the Society as hereinafter provided), and the Trustees, who shall be *ex officio* Members of the Council.

7. One-third of the Council (the Trustees excepted) shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. Land acquired, or to be acquired, for the Society shall be held by and be vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Society for and on behalf of the Society. The Trustees appointed as provided by these rules shall hold office until disqualified, or until they are removed in due course at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of the Society. Any new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting of the Society, or in accordance with Rule 14. The Trustees shall deal with the lands of the Society as directed by resolution of the Council of the Society (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence), and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Society's property. If the office of Trustee, appointed by the State Governor, shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, a new Trustee shall be appointed by the State Governor.

9. The Council shall, at their first meeting after the annual election in each year, elect out of their own number (which includes the Trustees), a President and three Vice-Presidents.

10. The Council shall have the entire management of the income and funds of the Society, and all other affairs thereof, and for these purposes the Members of the Society for the time being shall be deemed to have constituted the Council of the Society for the time being their agents.

11. The Council shall have power to appoint and remove all paid officers of the Society.

12. The Council shall have power to elect Honorary, Honorary Scientific, and Corresponding Members; nominations therefor having been submitted at a previous meeting, and a notice of such nominations having been sent to each Member of the Council. The Honorary Scientific Members shall retire annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.

13. Governors and Honorary Scientific Members may attend meetings of the Council and take part in discussions thereat, but shall not have power to vote.

14. The Council may, except as to the Trustee appointed by the State Governor, fill up any vacancies in its own body created by death, resignation, or occurring in any other way amongst its office-bearers. 15. The Council shall have power to make or amend such regulations as they think necessary.

16. The Council shall be regulated in its proceedings by such By-laws as shall from time to time be enacted by it, conformably with the Constitution and objects of the Society; but no By-law shall in any case be altered, or new one proposed, unless notice of such intention has been given at a previous meeting and sent to each member of the Council.

17. The financial year of the Society shall end on the 31st day of December of each year, to which day the accounts of the Society shall be balanced. At the monthly meeting of the Council, to be held in January in each year, the Council shall prepare a list of Members nominated by them to fill the vacancies in the Council. Nominations (other than those made by the Council) of Members who may be candidates for such vacancies must be in the hands of the Secretary prior to such meeting. Every nomination other than those made by the Council shall be signed by at least two Members other than the candidate, and shall have endorsed thereon the consent of such candidate duly signed by him.

18. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the first Thursday in February, at which meeting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be submitted, Members elected to fill the vacancies in the Council, two paid Auditors appointed, and any other business transacted of which due notice in writing shall have been given before the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the second Tuesday in January immediately preceding.

19. Fourteen days at least before the Annual General Meeting the President or his Deputy shall send to all Members of the Society a ballot-paper, numbered, and initialled by the President or his Deputy, or the Secretary, with the names of all the candidates who have been duly nominated, and each Member desiring to vote shall erase therefrom all names he thinks fit. Provided that any ballotpaper containing more or less than the required number of names shall be rejected by the President (who shall be Returning Officer) or his Deputy at the election. Every such ballot-paper shall be returned before the closing of the poll, which shall be at three o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, and the said ballot-papers shall be opened and counted when the Returning Officer is making up the poll.

20. Fourteen days at least before the Annual Meeting a copy of the Report and audited Balance Sheet for the preceding financial year shall be forwarded to every Member of the Society.

21. The Secretary shall report to the meeting of the Council next after the Annual Meeting the Members elected to fill the vacancies in the Council.

22. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Secretary, on direction of the President or on the requisition of twenty Members of the Society, of which meeting there must be given ten clear days' notice stating the business to be transacted, but no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than that for which it has been called.

23. A Special Meeting of the Council may be summoned by direction of the President, or of three members of the Council, but no business then transacted shall be valid unless confirmed by special resolution at the subsequent Ordinary Meeting. 24. At the Annual Meeting twenty Members, including Members of Council, or at a Special General Meeting, ten Members, exclusive of Members of Council, shall form a quorum.

25. The privileges of Membership shall consist of power to vote at the election of Members of Council appointed by the Society, of free admission to the Library, Reading-room, and Lectures, and, with two ladies, to the Society's Exhibitions, grounds, and grandstands (subject to such regulations as the Council may make) on production of the member's ticket for the current year. And while the Society issues a monthly Journal a copy shall be posted free to every Member.

26. Any Member neglecting or refusing to comply with these Rules, or any or either of them, or any lawful directions or requirements by the Council made in pursuance or under the authority thereof, or being guilty either before or after becoming a Member of the Society of conduct calculated to bring the Society into discredit in connection with its General Meetings, its Meetings of Council, its Exhibitions, or other objects, shall be liable to be summoned before the Council, and, if found guilty, shall be subject to reprimand or to have his name expunged from the roll of Members, and may also be disqualified from exhibiting and may be disallowed from again becoming a Member during the pleasure of the Council. A Member expelled under this Rule shall forfeit all right in and claim upon the Society and its property.

27. Any person being expelled from Membership or disqualified from exhibiting, riding, or competing by any kindred society shall not be allowed to become a Member or to exhibit, ride, or compete at this Society's Exhibitions until such expulsion be rescinded or such disqualification be removed, provided such expulsion or disqualification be confirmed by the Council of this Society.

28. The Council shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules, and of the By-laws and Regulations made thereunder; and the decision of the Council upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Society or the administration of its affairs, whether provided for by these Rules or by the By-laws and Regulations made thereunder or otherwise, shall be final and binding on the Members.

29. Every Member shall communicate from time to time to the Secretary his address; and all notices required by these Rules to be sent or given to Members shall be deemed to have been duly sent or given if posted or sent to such address.

30. Every person becoming a Member of the Society thereby undertakes, if at any time required to do so by the Council, to give evidence by statutory declaration or otherwise of any facts within his knowledge or information relating to the subject matter of any inquiry by the Council.

31. Every person becoming a Member of the Society shall thereby undertake to indemnify and shall with every other Member thereof be bound to indemnify the Council, and the individual Members thereof, any Committee of the Council and any Members of any such Committee, against any action or damages in respect of anything done or purported to have been done in accordance with these Rules, or the By-laws or Regulations made thereunder, during the continuance of his Membership.

32. These Rules shall not be altered except by a majority of the Members present at the Annual or at a Special General Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

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I. Notice of the Annual and Special General Meetings of the Society shall be given in such newspapers as the Council may decide, and by circular through post to every Member; and all matters, except the election of the Members of Council at the Annual Meeting, shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a division is called for by at least three members present. At every Annual General Meeting the minutes of the last Annual Meeting shall be read and confirmed; a report, together with a financial statement from the Council, shall be submitted, and any Member present may propose any question to the Council respecting the matters contained in such report, and comment thereon, or may refer to such other matters relating to the government of the Society and the management of its affairs as to him may seem proper, provided that his remarks have reference to some motion of which notice has been previously given in accordance with Rule 18.

2. The President or his Deputy shall conduct the election at the Annual General Meeting, at which meeting two or more scrutineers shall be chosen by the President or his Deputy to assist in making up the state of the poll.

THE PRESIDENT.

3. The President shall, in all official relations of the Society, take precedence of all other Members, and shall take the chair when present, having (as well as any other Chairman of the Council) the privilege of a casting vote in addition to his own in all cases of equality in a division on any question. He shall sign all such letters, votes of thanks, and other documents as the Council may decide.

THE COUNCIL.

4. The Council shall hold a meeting at least every month, on such a day and at such an hour as the Council may decide, for the transaction of the business of the Society, and may adjourn from time to time at its discretion.

5. At the monthly meetings the Council shall have full power to originate, discuss, and decide by a majority of votes on a show of hands, all questions not involving an unusual outlay of money brought before it; provided that if any three Members present regard any proposition brought forward as too important for immediate decision they may object and demand the usual month's notice, whereupon all discussion on the question shall cease.

6. No motion, the effect of which, if carried, would be to rescind any motion previously passed by the Council during the same year, shall be entertained unless one month's notice be given to the Council.

7. The ruling of the Chairman shall be final in all matters of order and practice.

8. If within half an hour after the time at which any meeting of the Council is called a quorum of Members be not present, the Members present, or the majority of them, or any one Member if one only be present, or the Secretary, if no Member be present, may adjourn such meeting to any time not longer than fourteen days from the date of such adjournment, providing that no meeting shall be held on a public holiday, and should an Ordinary Meeting fall on a holiday the Secretary shall be empowered to postpone the date of such meeting and call it not later than ten days after the date on which it otherwise would have been held.

9. Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the Council or of any Committee shall be taken during their progress by the Secretary, or, in case of his absence, by some person present whom the Chairman may appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be fairly copied into a minute book kept for that purpose.

10. The Council shall, from time to time, draw up such By-laws as may appear to them expedient for conducting the proceedings of their own meetings, which shall be binding on the Members of the Council, and all such By-laws shall be binding on all and every the Members, Honorary, Honorary Scientific, and Corresponding Members, officers, and servants of the Society, as well as on all exhibitors or their assistants at the Society's Exhibitions.

11. The Council may appoint Committees to examine into or take action on any special matter relating to the objects or business of the Society, and may dissolve such Committees when they shall think proper.

12. The Council shall appoint a banker or bankers to the Society, to whom all sums of money received by the Secretary or other persons for the use of the Society shall be paid.

13. No money shall be drawn from the Society's banking account but by order of the Council, after a report from the Finance Committee, and by cheques signed by two Members of such Committee, and countersigned by the Secretary. Entries shall be made of all such payments.

14. If any Member of Council, with the exception of the Trustees, shall be absent from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Council without leave having been obtained, his seat shall be declared vacant.

15. The Secretary shall notify to the Council any vacancy which may have occurred in the list of President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, or other members of the Council, at the meeting of the Council at which or next after such vacancy occurred, and such vacancy shall not be filled up until the monthly meeting of the Council which shall take place next after such notice, provided that if any such vacancy occur after the ordinary monthly Council meeting in November such vacancy shall not be filled except at the next Annual Meeting.

16. In the absence of the President, the chair shall be taken by the senior Vice-President then present; and should none of these officers be present, then by such Member as the Council shall choose as their Chairman by a majority of votes. (The senior Vice-Presi-dent shall be deemed to mean the Vice-President who has been a member of Council for the greatest number of years in the aggregate.)

17. The quorum of a monthly or special meeting of Council shall be five.

18. At every monthly meeting of Council the order of business shall be as follows :---

(1.) Reading and confirming minutes of previous meeting.

(2.) Business arising from minutes.(3.) Election of officers, and nominations for vacancies.

(4.) Committee's Reports.

(5.) Motions.

(6.) Correspondence.
(7.) Postponed business.
(8.) General business.

(9.) Notices of motions.

19. All minutes and reports read to and adopted by the Council, shall be signed by the Chairman.

20. The report from the Council to the Annual Meeting in February shall be prepared at the Council meeting first in January or at some adjournment thereof.

COMMITTEES.

21. The Council shall elect such standing Committees at the monthly Council meeting in February as they think fit, and such Committees shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting in the ensuing year, two members of Committee to form a quorum.

22. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees.

23. Each Committee, at its first meeting, shall elect its own Chairman for the year, and in his absence a Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for the occasion.

24. All Committees shall make or adopt rules for the conduct of their business, and shall make a report of their proceedings to the Council, and shall hold office until they have made their respective reports; but in case such reports shall not have been made previous to the first Thursday in February next after their appointment, their powers shall then cease, providing that standing Committees shall retain office till their successors are appointed.

THE SECRETARY.

25. The Secretary shall be immediately responsible to the Council for the discharge of his various duties. He shall attend the sittings of all meetings of the Council, and of Committees, and shall keep all the Society's books. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Society, and keep copies of all letters on the business of the Society.

26. Under the direction of the Finance Committee, he shall be responsible for all moneys received, paying such sums into the Society's bank, and producing at each meeting of the Finance Committee receipts for the same; and, excepting the amounts allowed him for petty cash, he shall not retain in his hands any money belonging to the Society, but shall pay it over forthwith to the Society's bank. He shall have the charge of the expenditure for petty cash.

27. He shall have the custody of all books and property of the Society. All books, pamphlets, &c., becoming the property of the Society shall be stamped with the Society's stamp at once.

28. He shall have the immediate superintendence over the clerks and servants of the Society, and shall be required to report to the Council any instances of misconduct on their part which he may think of such a nature as to require the consideration of the Council.

29. He shall find, if required, approved security to the amount of \pounds 500, the premium to be paid by the Society.

30. The Secretary shall not exercise any of the privileges of a Member of the Society.

FINANCE.

31. The Finance Committee shall have the immediate care of the Society's funds, and shall meet before the ordinary Council meeting in each month, in order to prepare a report for the Council on the state of the Society's funds, which they shall present to each monthly meeting, as well as a statement of the payments recommended to be made, together with all the books in which entries of cash receipts or payments are made, and such documents as the business of the day may require. Should a report from the Finance Committee not have been presented at the meeting of the Council, the Secretary shall report the state of the funds to the Council, in which case the Council shall vote the moneys required without such report.

32. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the Honorary Treasurer of the Society.

33. All receipts for money received on behalf of the Society shall be out of a book with counterpart.

34. All moneys received and paid shall be entered daily in a general cash book.

35. The accounts of the Society shall be audited as may be re quired by the Council by two professional accountants to whom a balance-sheet shall be submitted by the Secretary immediately after the close of the financial year, and such, when audited, shall bepresented at the Annual Meeting.

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